

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-23 are pending.

Claims 1 and 17 were elected in a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 for being anticipated by Jin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,438).

Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claims 1 and 17 have been replaced by claims 19-23. An embodiment of the pending claims is disclosed in the specification beginning on page 66, line 19 of the specification as originally filed.

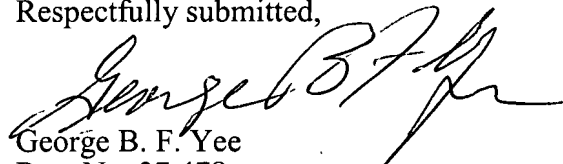
Claims 1 and 17 are directed respectively to a recycle management method and a collection/recycle management method. The appended claims likewise are directed to collection/recycle management, albeit in a system.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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